(Rs. in crores)

Year	Shortfall in Wages/ Salaries	VRS
1999-2000	436.79	57.25
2000-2001	432.00	62.00
2001-2002	385.00	20.99*

Provided as grant

(c) Out of 119 mills, 76 are partially or fully operational which is about 64% of the total NTC mills.

Import of Cotton, Cotton Cloth and Readymade Garments

5241. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether cotton, cotton cloth and readymade garments are imported in the country;

(b) if so, the value of the above mentioned items imported in the country during the year 2000-01 and 2001-2002; and

(c) the names of the countries from which this import was made together with the value of items imported from each country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) Details of import of cotton and cotton textiles are as under:—

(Value in Lakh Rupees)

Item	2000-01	2001-02 (upto December, 2001)
1	2	3
Raw cotton (incl. Waste)	[1]18472.65	168623.37
Cotton Yarn (Incl. Sewing thread)	3297.81	2403.37

1	2	3
Woven Fabrics of cotton	10738.46	13750.03
Other knitted or crocheted fabrics of cotton	320.50	655.59
Other RMG & Made-ups	8192.19	6552.72
Other cotton textile items	12816.95	14712.43
GRAND TOTAL:	153888.56	206697.51

SOURCE: Monthly Statistics of the Foreign Trade of India, DGCI&S Kolkata

(c) Major countries from which cotton and cotton textiles imported are as under:—

(Value in Lakh Rupees)

Sl. No.	Country	2000-01	2001-02 (upto Dec., 2001)
1	2	3	4
1.	USA	12442.31	50643.23
2.	Australia	18155.52	23742.11
3.	Benin	12993.06	15834.76
4.	China PRP	11992.86	10120.40
5.	Ivory Coast	15303.36	7521.65
6.	Paraguay	0.84	7262.48
7.	Egypt ARP	6994.86	7104.44
8.	Brazil	544.40	6414.47
9.	Chinese Taipei	5353.72	5852.85
10.	Uzbekistan	4531.05	5248.14
11.	Nigeria	689.88	4611.65
12.	Burkina Faso	4296.13	4532.14

1	2	3	4
13.	Hong Kong	3900.84	4266.60
14.	Argentina	92.33	3937.70
15.	Greece	958.61	3755.48
16.	Cameroon	1553.26	3558.54
17.	Tanzania Rep	1914.55	3345.74
18.	Korea RP	3022.06	2935.27
19.	Malaysia	3850.88	2600.39
20.	South Africa	3553.95	2414.82
21.	Other Countries	41734.09	30994.65
	TOTAL	153888.56	206697.51

SOURCE: Monthly Statistics of the Foreign Trade of India, DGCI&S, Kolkata

Increasing the cost of cotton

†5242. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an increase in the price of cotton in the country during the last six months;

(b) if so, the percentage of increase in cost;

(c) the reasons for the increase in costs; and

(d) the effect of the increase in cost of cotton on the production units of powerloom and handloom industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) to (d) Prices of cotton and cotton yarn have decreased during October 2001 to March 2002 as given in the following tables:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.